



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **YOSHIMURA et al.**

Serial No.: **09/934,537**

Group Art Unit: **1745**

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Examiner: **WEINER, Laura S.**

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For: **BATTERY POLYMERIC MATERIAL, BATTERY SEPARATOR, BATTERY INSULATING PACKING AND LITHIUM BATTERY**

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

January 23, 2004

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Official Action dated December 23, 2003.

In the Action, restriction is required between Group (I), Claims 1-4, drawn to a battery polymeric material; Group (II), Claims 6, 9-10, drawn to a battery separator; Group (III), Claims 7-8, 11-12, drawn to a battery insulating packing; Group (IV), Claims 13-14, drawn to a lithium battery comprising a separator which is automatically soft-soldering in a reflowing furnace and Group (V), Claims 15-16, drawn to a lithium battery comprising a battery insulating packing automatically soft-soldering in a reflowing furnace.

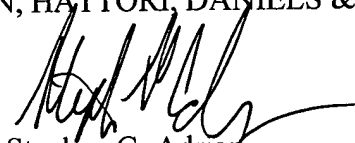
Applicants hereby elect the subject matter of Group (I), Claims 1-4 for prosecution in this application. This election is made without traverse, it being understood that the applicant's rights to the filing of a divisional application directed to the non-elected subject matter under 35 USC 120 and 35 USC 121 are retained.

The Office Action also requires an election of species among "a battery polymeric material." Applicants elect the polymeric material comprising repeating units wherein p-phenylene is combined with oxygen (claim 1) and the polymeric material comprising at least two types of p-phenylene which is combined with oxygen or a carbonyl group (claim 3). It is believed that all claims read on the elected species.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Please charge any fees for such an extension of time and any other fees which may be due with respect to this paper, to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,

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